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Honorable Edgardo Ramos United States District Court Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York **United States Courthouse** 300 Quarropas St. White Plains, NY 10601-4150

Pre-motion conference to be held on Nov. 1, 2012 at 11:00 am. Opposing counsel to state position by letter (not to exceed 3 pages) by Oct. 26, Dated: Oct. 19, 2012 SO ORDERED:

> HON. EDGARDO RAMOS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Re:

Jane Roe, et al. v. Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, et al.,

Case No. 12 cv 4788 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

We represent the plaintiffs in the above matter. We write to respectfully inform Your Honor about the Second Circuit's decision in Windsor v. United States, Docket No. 12-2335, published carlier today in which the court declared Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act "DOMA" unconstitutional.

In light of the Windsor decision, Plaintiffs intend to file a motion for a preliminary injunction declaring that the Defendants are precluded from denying Plaintiffs health insurance benefits because they are a same-sex married couple. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request a pre-motion conference to discuss the proposed motion with the Court and counsel.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,

NEWMAN FERRARA LLP

cc: All Counsel of Record (via fax)

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